

Minutes Approved: _____

**BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2011**

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Administration Building

Present: Chairman George Emond, David Shea, Perry Jewell, Jack Rabbitt and
Troy Daniels

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS REVIEWED:

404 West Townsend Road
44 South Row Road

SEPTIC PERMITS SIGNED:

404 W. Townsend Road
Pond St one year renewal
48 New West Townsend Road
70 Valley Road

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Steve Marsden met with the Board on behalf of the owner. The sewage disposal system for this site has failed (effluent was surcharging on the day of the soil testing) and the owner would like to replace it.

The lot is small, it has an elevated water table and the house and wetlands take up most of the property.

The applicant is requesting a reduction of the groundwater offset from 5' to 4'; this will help keep the system from needing a pump. The applicant is also seeking a reduction of the Board's wetlands offset (61' instead 100'); there is extensive wetlands to one side of the property and a 100' offset could not be achieved.

The area is served by Town water.

After discussion and on Motion by Rabbitt and second by Shea, the requested variances were granted. All in favor.

16 PEARL STREET

As per Board of Health Agent, Jim Garreffi, the Title 5 inspection for this property has failed (see the draft of a letter written for the Board) due to a combination of the water

testing and proximity of the well to the sewage disposal system. Title 5 allows the Board to pass a system if they determine "... the system is functioning in a manner to protect the public health and safety, welfare and the environment." (310CMR15.303 (1) (c) The system serving the property is very recent, the current well is drilled (and replacing it may not solve the problem – given the small lots and sandy soils in the area) and the nitrogen reduction technologies for small sewage disposal systems generally do not provide enough of a reduction in the nitrate levels in the effluent to solve the levels noted in the well.

It was decided the most effective way to handle this situation was to treat the well water. This has been done and the water testing shows the nitrate level in the well is below the standard for a Title 5 inspection. A deed notice is required for the water treatment at the property and the letter I drafted recommends regular water testing to insure the treatment system is working.

Based on the above, I don't have a problem with the passing of this system. I'm not sure what else could be done to remedy the situation.

After discussion and on Motion by Shea and second by Rabbitt, the variances were granted. All in favor.

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Continued to February 7, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.